Introduction of train for Andhra Pradesh

4111. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a confirmed A.C. berth on the Godavari Express, Gowthami Express and other super fast trains in South Central Railway mandates an advance booking time of 17 days on an average;

(b) whether it is also a fact that during times of festivals or holidays, an advance booking 24 days is needed for any A.C. berth on the major trains of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) to what extent top management of South Central Railways has failed to adequate the immediate and urgent requirement of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) what interim steps would be taken to introduce an express train between Hyderabad and Rajahmundry or Kakinada alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) On an average, the minimum number of days required for advance booking by Godavari and Gowthami Express is 8 days.

(b) During the festival or holidays the time taken to get confirmed booking for the major trains of Andhra Pradesh is 20 days.

(c) and (d) South Central Railway has taken adequate steps to redress the travel need of area. In addition to Godavari Express and Gowthami Express, the following additional trains are running through Rajahmundry and Visakhapatnam.

Daily Trains

1. 2703/2704 Secunderabad-Howrah Falaknuma Express.
2. 7015/7016 Secunderabad-Bhubaneshwar Visakha Express.
3. 1019/1020 Mumbai Chattarpati Shivaji Terminus-Bhubaneswar Konark Express.
4. 8645/8648 Hyderabad-Howrah East Coast Express.

Bi-weekly Trains

1. 1405/1406 Mammad-Kakinada/Visakhapatnam Kakinada Express.
2. 8509/8510 Visakhapatnam-Nizamabad Express.

Weekly Trains

2513/2514 Secunderabad-Guwahati Express.

To clear the summer rush two weekly express trains have been introduced.

1. Secunderabad-Visakhapatnam Express.
2. Secunderabad-Howrah Express.

Rail network in the country

†4112. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the statistics with regard to railway network in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the position of Rajasthan in comparison to other States with regard to railway network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The State-wise railway network (route kilometres) in the country as on 31.3.2006 (latest available) is given below:-

Name of State/Union Territory	Route Kilometres
1	2
Andhra Pradesh	5185
Arunachal Pradesh	1
Assam	2284
Bihar	3330
Chhattisgarh	1186

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.